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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR, ZAGREB FOR CONSUL GENERAL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, YO, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

1. I WAS SWORN IN JUNE 10 BY THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY
FOR MANAGEMENT IN A CEREMONY TAPE FOR BROADCAST BY VOA.
I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT MY ARRIVAL
AND SETTLING IN.

2. I WILL ARRIVE IN BELGRADE VIA PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NUMBER
66 AT 12:15 P.M. ON JUNE 16. MARLENE AND THE CHILDREN
WILL REMAIN IN THE U.S. UNTIL LATER IN THE SUMMER. I
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY CEREMONY MIGHT BE CONTEM-
PLATED FOR MY ARRIVAL. I AM NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING,
BUT I WOULD WANT TO BE PREPARED WITH APPROPRIATE REMARKS,
FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE THE PRESS WOULD BE ON HAND.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WILL
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INVOLVE ABOUT TWO DAYS, AND I WANT TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY
TO THAT. I ALSO WANT TO VISIT EACH SECTION OF THE EMBASSY
AND COUNTRY TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTERWARDS I WOULD
LIKE TO BEGIN A PROGRAM OF BRIEFINGS ON VARIOUS SUBSTAN-
TIVE AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF OUR PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA.
THE BRIEFINGS COULD BE ORAL OR WRITTEN, AND I ANTICIPATE
THE FOLLOWING BROAD AREAS:

--- EMBASSY/CONSULATE GENERAL: ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL,
SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

--- POLITICAL: A) STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT--FEDERAL AND
REPUBLICS, B) NEAR MAJOR PLAYERS--GOVERNMENT AND LCY,
C) YUGOSLAV FOREIGN POLICY, D) LCY STRUCTURE AND ROLE.

--- ECONOMIC: A) CURRENT STATE OF ECONOMY, STRENGTHS
AND WEAKNESSES, PROGNOSIS, B) FOREIGN TRADE, C) DECISION--
MAKING PROCESSES.

--- MILITARY: A) COOPERATION WITH U.S.--PAST AND
FUTURE, B) COOPERATION WITH OTHERS, C) ROLE IN YUGOSLAVIA,
D) STRUCTURE.

--- RELATIONS WITH U.S.: A) ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT
STATUS AND PROSPECTS, B) SPECIAL ISSUES, E.G. DUAL
NATIONALS, YUGOSLAV ATTITUDE TOWARD EMIGRES, FORTH-
COMING VISITS.

4. CALLS. I WOULD LIKE A TENTATIVE PLAN FOR MY CALLS
ON YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, PARTY, AND OTHER OFFICIALS,
DIPLOMATS, AND VISITS TO THE REPUBLICS. REGARDING
DIPLOMATS I WOULD APPRECIATE CATEGORIZATION OF THOSE
CONTACTS THAT ARE USEFUL AND THOSE THAT ARE ONLY SOCIALLY
NECESSARY. AS FOR VISITS TO THE REPUBLICS, I INTEND
TO MAKE A TRIP TO MACEDONIA AS MY FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS,
AND I WOULD LIKE SOME SPECIAL PLANNING FOR THIS. I WILL
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ALSO WANT TO VISIT THE CONSULATE GENERAL AS SOON AS I CAN.

5. I REALIZE YOU WILL BE IN THE THROWS OF THE OPENING
OF THE CSCE PREPARATORY MEETING, AND I DON'T WANT
TO TAX YOUR RESOURCES UNDULY, BUT I AM ANXIOUS
TO GET STARTED. I PLAN TO BEGIN WORK FRIDAY, JUNE 17.
THE ONLY THING I WOULD NEED BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON
IS ANY SUGGESTIONS THE EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE FOR CON-
TINGENCY ARRIVAL REMARKS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND
WORKING WITH YOU ALL. VANCE

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